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Dear Mr. Vogt:

This is in response to your June 9, 2009 request, on behalf of the Borough of Jamesburg, for a categorical exclusion (CATEX) from substantive environmental review requirements, pursuant to 40 CFR Part 6, for the Lake Street Pump Station and Force Main project, in Middlesex County, New Jersey. The Borough plans to request financial assistance for the project through a federal Special Appropriation Act Grant.

The project consists of installation of 22 linear feet of eight-inch diameter sanitary sewer pipe, 82 linear feet of three-inch diameter force main, two sanitary sewer manholes, and a small below-ground pumping station with emergency generator. It would be implemented during Middlesex County's planned replacement of the Lake Street Bridge over Barclay Brook. An existing gravity-flow sanitary sewer at this location presently obstructs the flow of Barclay Brook. Once the project is operational, the existing sewer and its concrete support will be removed and Barclay Brook will flow freely under the new bridge.

The project meets the CATEX eligibility criteria found in 40 CFR 6.204(a)(1)(ii). This category includes "actions relating to existing infrastructure systems (such as sewer systems, drinking water supply systems, and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems) that involve ... rehabilitation (including functional replacement) of the existing system and system components (such as the sewer collection network and treatment system; the system to collect, treat, store and distribute drinking water; and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems) or construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities."

This project does not involve a new or relocated discharge to surface or ground water, an increase in the volume or loading of pollutants to receiving water, or capacity to serve a population 30 percent greater than the existing population. Further, it is not contrary to any state or regional growth plan or strategy; and it is not primarily for the purpose of future development.

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Additionally, the available information you provided concerning the proposed action indicates that none of the specific criteria for not granting a CATEX, found in 40 CFR 6.204(b)(1) through (b)(10), are present.

Based on our review, EPA approves the request for the CATEX. Please be reminded that EPA may revoke this CATEX if any of the following conditions occur:

- changes in the proposed action render it ineligible for exclusion,
- new evidence indicates that serious local or environmental issues exist, or
- federal, state, or local laws would be violated.

Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please address them to Grace Musumeci, Chief, Environmental Review Section, at the above address. Please note that this CATEX will be made available on EPA Region 2's website at <http://www.epa.gov/region02/spmm/r2nepa.htm>.

Sincerely,

George Pavlou
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Denise Jawidzik, Jamesburg Borough Administrator/CFO